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Title of Invention (please print clearly):

## Additives for Electroplating Solution

2. Inventors-Names only(please print clearly and provide complete information at Section 9.)

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3. Earliest dates and model names of all Applied products incorporating the invention which have been offered for sale or are expected to be offered for sale:

## N/A

4. If the invention has been demonstrated or described to persons other than Applied employees, for each disclosure please provide the earliest date, name of company, a brief description of what was disclosed and the purpose of the disclosure. Attach a copy of any related non-disclosure agreements:

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- If future disclosures like those in Question #4 are expected to occur within the next 12
  months, please provide the anticipated date, type of information to be disclosed, and
  purpose of the disclosure: NONE [x]
- 6. Describe any other known designs or processes, whether actually implemented or merely proposed in a publication, which could be considered similar to your invention or which constitute the state-of-the-art improved upon by your invention: If described in a publication, attach a copy of same or provide a citation.

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7. List each feature of the invention which you consider novel and non-obvious. Describe the advantages of each novel feature in comparison with the state-of-the-art approaches which are most similar to your invention:

## See descriptions below.

- Describe the invention, preferably with reference to attached drawings:
- 1) Electroplating is has proven to be a viable technology for semiconductor gapfill applications. Electroplating solution typically consists of copper sulfate and sulfuric acid, besides additives such as chloride ions, and additives to aid filling of wiring structures. One of the significant issues with scale up of electroplating for High Volume Manufacturing is that Gapfill of wiring structures is sensitive to concentration of additives. The additives degrade due to exposure to air, flow, exposure to copper anode. One significant cause for degradation of additives is the plating current. Degradation is higher when higher current is used. This leads to a need for expensive metrology to continuously measure and correct electrolyte additive concentrations. We propose use of anti-oxidant molecules which can significantly reduce the degradation of additives. We believe the mode of degradation of organic additives under the influence of electric field is generation of free-radicals which cause breakage of chemical bonds. This mode can be significantly reduced by using "Anti-Oxidants". These molecules are radical traps which preferentially combine with free radicals this preventing decomposition of organic molecules. This can eliminate the need for continuous monitoring of electrolyte bath and in one preferred implementation, can make the single component bath a viable option - thus eliminating the need for all expensive and cumbersome bath management metrology.

## ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS TO DESCRIBE INVENTION AS NEEDED

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